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SUBJ: SECRETARY VANCE'S SCHEDULE IN ISRAEL

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1. CONTRARY TO PM BEGIN'S INITIAL VIEW, HE TOLD ME YESTERDAY THAT HE HAD NOW DECIDED TO RETURN TO JERUSALEM FROM HIS VACATION SPOT TO HOLD THE MEETINGS WITH SECRETARY VANCE NEXT WEEK. (HE HAS PROMISED HIS WIFE TO EXTEND HIS VACATION ACCORDINGLY AT ITS CONCLUSION.) HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RETURN IN TIME TO BEGIN THE MEETINGS WITH THE SECRETARY AT 0900 ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, AND THAT HE WOULD REMAIN IN JERUSALEM UNTIL MONDAY AFTERNOON, AUGUST 7. WE DID NOT GET INTO ANY ELABORATE DISCUSSION OF HOW MANY MEETINGS THERE WOULD BE. I SUGGEST WE ASSUME THE FIRST MEETING WILL BEGIN AT 0900, WITH SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS TO BE SCHEDULED AS SEEMS USEFUL AFTER THE FIRST ONE.

2. IN VIEW OF FACT THAT ISRAELIS HAVE GIVEN ELABORATE BANQUETS ON SEVERAL PREVIOUS VANCE VISITS HERE, I TOOK LIBERTY OF SUGGESTING THIS WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY ON THIS TRIP, THINKING THAT THE SECRETARY AND MRS VANCE MIGHT
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BE HAPPY TO AVOID ONE OF THESE TYPICAL EVENTS THIS TIME. AT THIS POINT, THEREFORE, THERE IS NOTHING SOCIAL SCHEDULED FOR SUNDAY EVENING, AUGUST 6. SALLIE AND I ARE HOSTING A CHAMBER MUSIC CONCERT AT OUR RESIDENCE IN TEL AVIV THAT EVENING AT WHICH THE YUVAL TRIO, A TRULY OUTSTANDING GROUP, WILL BE PERFORMING FOR 40 OR 50 GUESTS. WE WOULD BE OF COURSE DELIGHTED IF THE VANCES OR MRS VANCE

ALONE WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND. ONE POSSIBILITY WHICH HAD OCCURRED TO US IS THAT SHE MIGHT LIKE TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE RESIDENCE AND VISIT BETH HATEFUTSOTH, THE STUNNING NEW MUSEUM OF THE DIASPORA ON THE GROUNDS OF TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY ON MONDAY MORNING. SHE COULD THEN GO DIRECTLY TO THE AIRPORT RATHER THAN RETURNING TO JERUSALEM.

3. IF, HOWEVER, SECRETARY AND MRS VANCE WOULD PREFER A QUIET EVENING AT THE HOTEL IN JERUSALEM SUNDAY NIGHT, OR A PRIVATE DINNER AT A JERUSALEM RESTAURANT, THESE ARE OTHER OBVIOUS ALTERNATIVES. LEWIS

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